

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	GEORGE B. PRINCE, III	)
		) Group Art Unit:
		) 2157
Serial No:	09/836,890	)
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Filed:	April 17, 2001	)
		) Examiner:
For:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING	) Nano
	DIGITAL MESSAGING SERVICES	)

Commissioner for Patents  
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STATUS INQUIRY

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified application. An Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to the Examiner was issued on October 30, 2006 (copy enclosed). A corrected Examiner's Answer has not been received.

If there are any fees due in connection with this Status Inquiry, please charge such fees to deposit account 06-1130.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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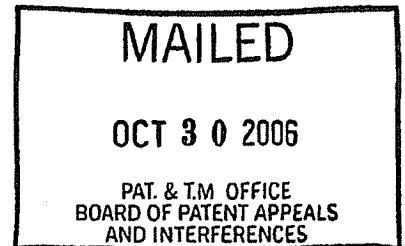
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Ex parte GEORG PRINCE

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on October 21, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

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On June 16, 2006, an Examiner's Answer was mailed. A review of the Examiner's Answer reveals that it is not in compliance with the headings as required under MPEP § 1207.02.

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 16, 2006, reveals that the heading Evidence Relied Upon, and the prior art relied on was not listed. The MPEP § 1207.02(A) states:

A) CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER. The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, in the order indicated, the following items:

(8) *Evidence Relied Upon*. A listing of the evidence relied on (e.g., patents, publications, admitted prior art), and, in the case of nonpatent references, the relevant page or pages.

Proper correction of the Examiner's Answer is required.

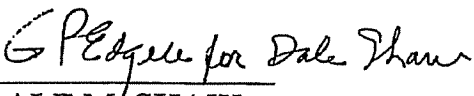
Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is return to the Examiner:

- 1) issue a revised Examiner's Answer, setting forth the prior art the Examiner used in the rejections on appeal; and

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2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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